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% U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Studds:

My sons and I are active in the construction and operation of radio controlled model aircraft. The hobby has bought us hours of entertainment and a much improved understanding of how things work: mechanically, electronically, and aeronautically. The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), Reston, VA, a non-profit organization which promotes the hobby, has been designated as a 501(c)(3) organization which would greatly improve the

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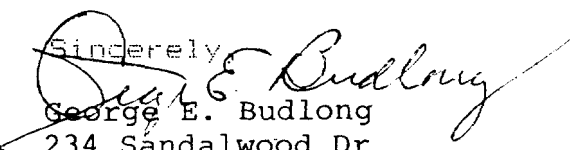
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339 Belmont Street
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February 1, 1993

The Honorable Gerry Studds
237 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Studds,

I pursue an interest in flying and aviation history by building and flying radio controlled scale model aircraft. Currently, I have a model of the ubiquitous Piper "Cub" nearing completion and have materials and equipment for two other scale projects on hand.

JAMES S. CORBETT

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PHONE 617-934-2336

February 2, 1993

The Honorable Gary Studds
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: NPRM-PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Studds:

I build and fly radio controlled aircraft as a hobby. I derive great satisfaction from building the model and tremendous fun and enjoyment in flying it when it is finished. I am active in two local flying clubs in my area and am a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the national association.

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal contained in PR Docket 92-935 which involves the splitting of certain radio frequencies into narrower band widths. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned

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I have two principal concerns with respect to the proposed rule change. My first concern is with safety. My second concern is with the continued viability of the hobby if the FCC changes are made.

When I fly one of my models under radio control, I go to great lengths to assure the safety and protection of other operators, bystanders and property. Many of the safety precautions instituted at recognized flying clubs involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of useable frequencies is diminished, as proposed by the FCC, the

February 8, 1993

The Honorable Gerry Studds
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Studds:

I am an active Radio Controlled Model Aircraft hobbyist and competitor, and I belong to a local flying club of 165 members called The Lazy Loopers Model Aircraft Club which is located in Wrentham MA.

Since developing this passion for model aviation, I have invested thousands of dollars and many hours of time learning, building models, and competing in local and national level flying competition.

The model aircraft hobby has been an interesting and fun way to creatively dabble in the sciences of mechanical, electrical, and aeronautical engineering, and my participation in the hobby has certainly positively influenced my life.

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